



# Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

## JEFF FORTENBERY – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/District 1

**Age:** 53

**Hometown:** Lincoln, NE

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Years in Current Office:** 10 years

**Congressional Committees on which you serve:**

U.S. House Committee on Appropriations

**Education:** BA Economics, LSU

Master of Public Policy, Georgetown University

Master of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville

**Prior Public Offices Held:** Lincoln City Council Member At-large

**Political Heroes:** Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan

**1. There's been a great deal of debate concerning the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Why is it, or is it not, a good program for Americans?**

We need the right type of healthcare reform for America: one that reduces costs, improves healthcare outcomes and protects vulnerable persons. Unfortunately, the Affordable Care Act is increasing costs for families, creating more unsustainable government spending, and eroding healthcare liberties. I did not support the law. We can do better.

**2. What would you say is a fair and reasonable policy toward illegal immigration in this country?**

You cannot have a just and orderly immigration system with chaos at the border. Illegal entry undermines national security--and good immigration policy. We must secure our borders, enforce the law within the country, streamline legal immigration processes, and advance foreign policy that decreases migration and exploitation.



# Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

## JEFF FORTENBERY – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/District 1

**3. Since September 11, 2001, our nation has made public safety from terrorism a high priority. Have we achieved a sustainable level of public safety or are more steps necessary to protect public safety?**

Keeping the country safe is a top federal priority. Many brave Americans fought difficult wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to protect America after 9/11. Unfortunately, new threats from groups without national boundaries are still with us. I believe in a 3-D approach to national security: defense, diplomacy, and development.

**4. As we witness the current unrest in places like Syria, Iraq and the Ukraine, America must decide the nature and depth of our involvement in foreign affairs. What parameters should guide us in making those decisions?**

After World War II, the United States provided military protection, economic development and stability for much of the world. Our world is increasingly interconnected and many countries have benefited from our sacrifices. They must now do their part to protect human dignity and stop aggression--in partnership with us.

**5. Many young people only have a general understanding of the dynamics of politics and elective government. What steps could and should be taken to help people appreciate their freedoms and encourage them to become civic-minded adults?**

We are a people who self-govern. Each of us has the responsibility to be an informed and engaged citizen. Many Americans before us fought and sacrificed to save the gift of our rights and privileges. We owe it to them to nurture and protect the values that keep America strong.